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Title: SURGICAL DRAIN WITH POSITIONING AND PROTECTIVE FEATURES

Inventors: Ramez Emile Necola Shehada

Transmitting Patent Application for Filing Subject:

Dear Sir or Madam:

We enclose for filing the patent application of:

Inventors: Ramez Emile Necola Shehada

Surgical Drain With Positioning and Protective Features

This applicant claims Small Entity Status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

The application includes:

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